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ZOLINE ON FEDERAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE. By Elijah N. Zoline. Revised by Stephen A. Day. New York: Clark Boardman Co., Ltd.

The amount of litigation in the federal courts is increasing. "The Federal Reporter," founded in the early eighties, already exceeds 240 volumes. This number substantially equals the reports of all the superior federal courts up to that time and also the reports of the Supreme Court of the United States from the founding of the Republic to date. The practice in the federal courts of first instance conforms to a certain extent to the practice of the states in which those courts sit. The appellate jurisdiction and procedure of the federal courts is governed by the federal rule alone. Thus knowledge of the state appellate jurisdiction and procedure is no guide to that of the federal courts. The work in question furnishes that guide.

The rules as to appellate jurisdiction and procedure are frequently technical. It is essential that the practitioner should be able swiftly to locate the statute, rule, or decision which determines his precise point. In such a subject reasoning by analogy is open to peculiar dangers. The large space devoted to the subject of "Appeal and Error" in the Digest of the Federal Reporter and Supreme Court of the United States indicates how many are the possible pitfalls and the high percentage of casualties. Excellence of arrangement and adequate indexes are the first requisites of a work on such a subject.

The present work fulfils both requirements. The text is divided into nineteen chapters. Each chapter deals with a particular subject or phase of the subject. Each paragraph is numbered and entitled. At the head of each chapter is an index which refers to each paragraph by number. These chapter tables of contents are gathered together to form the general table of contents. An adequate subject index is placed at the back of the volume. In addition there is a table of cases indexed with reference to the page or pages on which the case is cited. An appendix of forms duly indexed adds to the convenience of the book. With these aids the practitioner is enabled to locate his precise point with a minimum of effort.

The text is unusually clear and lucid. The sentences and the paragraphs are short. The subject does not lend itself to the theoretical discussion which makes the peculiar value of a book like Gray's "Perpetuities." But the author has read and digested his material. He has not contented himself with reproducing a series of headnotes for which he supplies the connectives. The result is a great gain in clearness and a consequent saving of time. The lawyer who uses this book materially decreases the chance that his case will perish in that great American desert named "Appeal and Error."

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INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE. With Appendixes containing Hague Conventions of 1907, Declaration of London, 1909 (with Drafting Committee's Report), and Materials concerning Branches thereof susceptible of Adjustment on the Termination of the War (Supplemental to "Problems of International Practice and Diplomacy"). By Sir Thomas Barclay, London. Boston. 1917. pp. xvi, 216.

The above title gives an idea of the character of this book. It is in the main a collection of material which would be very serviceable at any international conference. With the exception of seventy-five pages, the appendixes above mentioned make up the book. The appendixes include such material as has behind it support sufficient to make it necessary that any international conference give the material consideration, even though, in some instances, it has not yet been embodied in conventions, and even when embodied in conventions, the conventions may not have been adopted by formal state ratification.